

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A kneadable and moldable bone-replacement material which consists of comprising a mixture of:

A) calcium-containing ceramic particles wherein the ceramic particles comprise a calcium-phosphate ratio having a molar Ca/P relationship between 1.0 and 2.0, wherein the calcium phosphate is selected from the following group:  $\div$  Dicalcium phosphate dihydrate ( $\text{CaHPO}_4 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), dicalcium phosphate ( $\text{CaHPO}_4$ ), alpha-tricalcium phosphate (alpha- $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ ), beta-tricalcium phosphate (beta- $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ ), calcium deficient hydroxylapatite ( $\text{Ca}_9(\text{PO}_4)_5(\text{HPO}_4)\text{OH}$ ), hydroxylapatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$ ), carbonated apatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{CO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_2$ ), fluoride apatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{F},\text{OH})_2$ ), chloride apatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{Cl},\text{OH})_2$ ), whitlockite ( $(\text{Ca},\text{Mg})_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ ), tetracalcium phosphate ( $\text{Ca}_4(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{O}$ ), oxyapatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6\text{O}$ ), beta calcium pyrophosphate (beta- $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ ), alpha calcium pyrophosphate, gamma calcium pyrophosphate, octo calcium phosphate ( $\text{Ca}_8\text{H}_2(\text{PO}_4)_6 \cdot 5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), wherein at least 50% of the ceramic particles have a pore size between 100 and 500 micrometers, wherein a bulk density of the ceramic particles is between 0.6 g/ccm and 1.0 g/ccm, wherein the jarring density of the ceramic particles is between 0.7 g/ccm and 1.1 g/ccm and wherein an average diameter of the ceramic particles is between 100 and 250 micrometers,  $\div$  and

A) calcium-containing ceramic particles wherein the ceramic particles comprise a calcium to phosphate ratio having a molar Ca/P relationship between 1.0 and 2.0, wherein the calcium phosphate is selected from the following group: dicalcium phosphate dihydrate ( $\text{CaHPO}_4 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ); dicalcium phosphate ( $\text{CaHPO}_4$ ); alpha tricalcium phosphate ( $\alpha\text{-Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ ); beta tricalcium phosphate ( $\beta\text{-Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ ); calcium deficient hydroxylapatite ( $\text{Ca}_9(\text{PO}_4)_5(\text{HPO}_4)\text{OH}$ ); hydroxylapatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$ ); carbonated apatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{CO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_2$ ); fluorapatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6\text{F}_2$ ); chlorapatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6\text{Cl}_2$ ); whitlockite; tetracalcium phosphate ( $\text{Ca}_4(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{O}$ ); oxyapatite ( $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6\text{O}$ ); beta calcium pyrophosphate ( $\beta\text{-Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ ); alpha calcium pyrophosphate; gamma calcium pyrophosphate; and octo-calcium

phosphate ( $\text{Ca}_8\text{H}_2(\text{PO}_4)_6 \cdot 5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ); wherein a bulk density of the ceramic particles is between 0.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and 1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and wherein an average diameter of the ceramic particles is between 100 and 250  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and

- B) a hydrogel or a substance that can be swelled into a hydrogel, and wherein;
  - C) the ceramic particles are of fully synthetic origin;
  - D) the individual ceramic particles have at least a partially cohesive, porous structure; and
  - E) the majority of the ceramic particles have a non-spheric shape.
2. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ceramic particles have an angular shape.
3. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ceramic particles have a sphericity relationship  $S = D_{\text{max}}/D_{\text{min}}$  a largest diameter  $D_{\text{max}}$  and a smallest diameter  $D_{\text{min}}$  which is larger than 1.2.
4. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 3, wherein the sphericity relationship  $S$  is larger than 3.
- 5 - 9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein porosity of the ceramic particles is between 60 and 90 percent.
- 11.-16. (Canceled)
17. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein a share of ceramic particles of non-spheric shape is at least 60%.
- 18.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, ~~further including wherein ceramic particles with an average diameter of 100 to 250 micrometers are used together with those ceramic particles~~ having an average diameter of 250 to 500 micrometers and/or ~~together with those ceramic particles~~ having an average diameter of 0.5 to 5.6 mm.

22.-25 (Canceled)

26. (Withdrawn) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ceramic particles consist of a mixture of different calcium-phosphates.

27-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, further comprising metallic or semi-metallic ion shares as additives.

32. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel consists of fully synthetic substances.

33. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel consists of natural biological substances, preferably of plant origin.

34. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel consists of a biotechnologically generated substance.

35. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with one claim 32, wherein the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel consists of a mixture of fully synthetic, natural biological or biotechnologically generated substances.

36. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel contains one of the following components: a) polyamino-acids or their derivatives, preferably polylysine or gelatin; b) polysaccharides and their derivatives, preferably glycosaminoglycane glycosaminoglycan or alginate; c) polylipides, fatty acids and their derivatives; d) nucleotides and their derivatives; or a combination of the components as listed in a) through d).

37. (Withdrawn) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel contains one of the following components: a) polymethylenoxide or its derivatives; b) polyethylene, polyethylenoxide or their derivatives; c) polypropylene, polypropylenoxide or their derivatives; d) polyacrylate or its derivatives; or a combination of the components as listed in a) through d).

38. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel consists of either a glycosaminoglycane glycosaminoglycan or a proteoglycane proteoglycan or a mixture of those two substances.

39. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 38, wherein the glycosaminoglycane glycosaminoglycan is a hyaluron-acid hyaluronic acid, chondroitinsulfate, dermatansulfate, heparansulfate, heparine heparin or keratansulfate.

40. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein a concentration of the ready-to-use, hydrated hydrogel or a ready-to-use, hydrated substance which can be swollen swelled into a hydrogel is between 0.1% and 20.0%.

41. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein a molecular weight of the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel is larger than 300,000 Dalton ~~and preferably larger than 500,000 Dalton~~.

42. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 41, wherein the molecular weight of the hydrogel or the substance which can be swelled into a hydrogel is larger than 1,000,000 Dalton ~~and preferably larger than 1,500,000 Dalton~~.

43. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydrogel is a liquid solution of a hyaluronate.

44. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 43, wherein the liquid solution of the hydrogel contains less than 99% water.

45. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 43, wherein the liquid solution of the hydrogel contains less ~~that~~ than 96.5% water.

46. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 43, wherein the molecular weight of the ~~hyaluron-acid~~ hyaluronic acid used is larger than  $1.5 \times 10^6$  Dalton.

47. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 43, wherein the molecular weight of the ~~hyaluron-acid~~ hyaluronic acid used is between  $0.5 \times 10^6$  and  $1.0 \times 10^6$  Dalton.

48. (Currently Amended) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 43, wherein the molecular weight of the ~~hyaluron-acid~~ hyaluronic acid used is smaller than  $1 \times 10^6$  ~~and preferably smaller than  $0.5 \times 10^6$  Dalton~~.

49. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein a specific gravity of the calcium-containing, porous ceramic particles is between 0.5 and 1.0 g/ccm.

50. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 1, wherein a weight relationship A/B between the hydrated hydrogel and the calcium-containing ceramic particles is larger than 0.2.

51. (Previously Presented) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 50, wherein the weight relationship A/B is between 0.2 and 0.5.

52. (Withdrawn) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 50, wherein the weight relationship A/B is between 0.5 and 0.9.

53. (Withdrawn) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 50, wherein the weight relationship A/B is between 0.9 and 1.3.

54. (Withdrawn) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 50, wherein the weight relationship A/B is between 1.3 and 2.0.

55. (Withdrawn) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 50, wherein the weight relationship A/B is between 2 and 5.

56. (Withdrawn) The bone-replacement material in accordance with claim 50, wherein the weight relationship A/B is larger than 5.